[Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the cause of the delay in giving effect to the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from the member whether the Government have received any recommendation to sanction a ferry and boatman's pay for the Kadamparakadavu?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know the date on which Government received the recommendation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was some time in April 1929. I cannot give the exact date.

Need for a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapathu Kadavu.

110. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapathu Kadavu in Ottassekharamangalam pakuti, Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that representations urging the necessity of a bridge were repeatedly made in this Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Ag. Chief Engineer who inspected the locality in May 1929 has left his opinion on record that the bridge might wait.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer is that the acting Chief Engineer left his opinion on record that the bridge might wait. I want to know whether the opinion has been recorded in his own office or whether he has submitted any report to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He has recorded the opinion in his own office in an Inspection note that it is not immediately necessary.

Communal representation in Public Service.

111. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the statement made by the President at the meeting of the Council held on the 7th August 1929 *re* the question of communal representation in Government service (Page 312 of Vol. No. XV of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, has been taken by Government in regard to that question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter is now engaging the attention of Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member whether this House will be given the opportunity to discuss the proposals of Government in regard to this matter before they are finally accepted?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that the House will again be given an opportunity for discussing the general question as in the case of resolutions that come up before it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : The Dewan-President promised to consider this matter and to make some arrangement whereby this difficult question may be solved. What I wish to know is whether the proposals of Government in regard to this matter of communal representation in the Public Service will be allowed to be discussed by this House before they are finally adopted?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Dewan said that probably he would ask for the help of the Council. That will be done.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I note the word 'probably' there. I wish to know something more definite?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : What he promised will be fulfilled.

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